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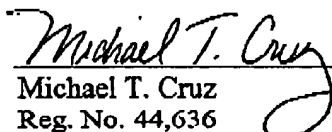
Applicants gratefully acknowledge the courtesy extended by Examiner Toan D. Nguyen to their registered representative, Michael T. Cruz, Reg. No. 44,636, in granting a telephone interview on October 9, 2003 relating to the above-identified application. In the telephone interview, claims 51 and 65 were generally discussed. It was agreed upon that U.S. Patent No. 6,259,898 B1 ("Lewis") was not properly cited under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and that Lewis should be withdrawn by the Examiner. Furthermore, it was agreed upon that another search would be performed by the Examiner.

If there are any other outstanding issues with respect to the above-identified application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

Please charge any required fees not paid herewith or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Account No. 13-0017.

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